FEB 1 1 2000 ED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned **CHARLES S. TAYLOR** Examiner: Not Yet Assigned Serial No.: 09/440,106 Filed: November 15, 1999 For: SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING A NEGATIVE PRESSURE TO STABILIZE CARDIAC TISSUE **DURING SURGERY** NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Applicant hereby notifies the Patent Office that it is no longer entitled to status as a small entity, and that the claim for small entity status as set forth in the verified statement filed in the above-identified application is hereby withdrawn. Through error, the Patent Office was not notified of the change in status prior to submittal of the Patent Application filed on November 15, 1999. The fee of \$380.00 was paid. Accordingly, please charge Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475 OC-44890.1 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.10) I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. Lynne Fulmer EL476747519US Express Mail Label No.

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